

REMARKS

In the above application with claims 1-38 previously pending, claims 13-38 have been withdrawn under a restriction requirement and claim 12 has been withdrawn as a non-elected species. Further, with the present response, claims 1 and 6 have been cancelled and claims 2, 3, 5, 7 and 8 have been amended as indicated in more detail below.

Claim Objection

Claim 5 stands objected to because in line 1 "cleaning" should be changed to -- cleaned-- for grammatical reasons. Claim 5 has been so amended. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the claim objection be withdrawn.

Section 102 Rejection

Claims 1, 2, 6 and 7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kawabe '909. Claims 1 and 6 have been cancelled rendering this rejection moot with respect to those claims. Claim 2 has been amended to be dependent on now independent claim 5, and claim 7 has been amended to be dependent on now independent claim 8. Claims 5 and 8 are indicated in paragraph 6 of the Office Action to be allowable in independent form. Accordingly, claims 2 and 7 are believed allowable as not anticipated by Kawabe under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) based at least on their dependence on allowable claims 5 and 8.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 3-5 and 8-11 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but are indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 3, 5 and 8 have been rewritten in independent form. Claim 4 is believed allowable in dependent form based on its

dependency on claim 3. Similarly, claims 9-11 are believed allowable in dependent form based on their dependency on claim 8.

Applicant notes that although claim 12 had been withdrawn under a species type restriction requirement, it is dependent on claim 8 which is indicated as being allowable, placing claim 12 in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

In light of the above amendments and remarks, claims 2-5 and 7-12 are now all believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of these claims is respectfully requested.

No fee is believed due with this response. Should a fee be due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 06-1325.

Respectfully submitted,

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